Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/01/15: CIA-RDP80-00810A000700660006-6 INFORMATION REPORT CD NO 25X1 COUNTRY East Germany DATE DISTR. 1 lby 1953 SUBJECT Changes in the DDR Government NO. OF PAGES NO. OF ENCLS PLACE 25X1 **ACQUIRED** DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO INFO REPORT NO. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTIVE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 16, SECTIONS 789 AND 784, OF 778 W. S. CODE, AS AFENDED. INTERMENSISSION OR REVEL ATION OF ITS CONTRINS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IN FEDERAL FORMS FORM STATES OF THE SECTION OF THIS FORM IS FROMISTED. THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1 no definite information was yet available on organizational and personnel changes in the East German Government in answer to a pertinent request, the office 25X1 of Minister President Grotewohl denied the possibility of issuing en official list on appointments of minister and state secretaries. in a number of cases, ADN had to ask the 25X1 Crotewohl office for information on the names of new state secresaries which appeared in recent official dispatches and was recuired to have each name confirmed. the LDP was not interested in furnishing 25X1 another member of this party for the post of Minister of Supply, the filling of which seemed to be a matter of the greatest concern, The LDP stated that no suitable expert was available among the party ranks. Political quarters expressed the belief, however, that as a result of the difficult supply situation, the LDP protably feared to get entangled in a new Hamann case because this would make it possible for certain to liquidate this party. 25X1 The reports by newspapers on rivalries between Ulbricht and Grotewohl which would end in an exchange of offices were received with scepticism in Berlin. Blumenthal (fnu), an ADN agent at the government office, who was in daily contact with the offices of Ulbricht and Grotewohl, told source that there were no indications of these rivalries. He doubted that Ulbricht would couple his hiff contial post as SED secretary general and powerful man behind the scenes with the critical post of minister president. 25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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